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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/26/01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The IDS of 9/26/2001 was received and considered.
2. Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2 & 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 2, the claim recites the limitation "the concerned determination" in line 8 of p. 18. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claim 6, the claim recites the limitation "the concerned determination" in line 14 of p. 20. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2 & 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,819,178 to **Cropper**.

Regarding claims 1 & 5, Cropper discloses a base station/MS,HLR,VLR,ISR (Fig. 4, #113,121,130) comprising an interface portion (Fig. 6, #112) for making a communication with a terminal station/MS (Fig. 6, #500) and extracting authentication request information/call request and a reception/registration packet therefrom (col. 4, lines 35-65), a first authentication managing portion/VLR for determining whether or not to authenticate said terminal station for said LAN/Visited network (Fig. 6, #100) corresponding to said authentication request information/call request received from said interface portion (Fig. 3A & col. 4, lines 35-57) and setting a result of the determination (Fig. 3C) to a first packet distributing table/VLR (Fig. 6, #130) and a first packet distributing portion/VLR (Fig. 6, #130) for referencing registered contents of said first packet distributing table/VLR (Fig. 6, #130) for the packet received from said interface portion (col. 5, lines 12-18), transferring the packet received from said interface portion to said LAN/Visited network (Fig. 6, #100) when said contents of said first packet distributing table represent that said terminal station has been authenticated for said LAN (VLR authenticates MS, completing registration) (Fig. 3A), and transmitting the packet received from said interface portion to said predetermined server or network-connected device/Home HLR (Fig. 6, #430 & col. 5, lines 35-41) when said contents of said first packet distributing table represent that said terminal station has not been authenticated for said LAN (Fig. 3B, process A, col. 5, lines 19-23 & lines 35-40).

Regarding claim 2 & 6, Cropper discloses a second authentication managing portion/ISR (Fig. 6, #130), a second packet distributing portion/ISR (Fig. 6, #130) and a second packet distributing table/ISR (Fig. 6, #130) for storing a plurality of destinations/addresses, wherein said second authentication managing portion/ISR is configured for determining whether or not to

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authenticate said terminal station/MS (Fig. 6, #500 & col. 5, lines 19-23) corresponding to said authentication request information and setting a result of the concerned determination to said second packet distributing portion/ISR (col. 5, lines 19-23, Fig. 3C, process C & Fig. 6, #130) when the result of the determination of said first authentication managing portion represents that said terminal station has not been authenticated for said LAN/Visited network (Fig. 6, #100), wherein said first packet distributing portion/VLR (Fig. 6, #130) is configured for transferring the packet received from said terminal station/MS (Fig. 6, #500) to said second packet distributing portion/ISR (col. 5, lines 12-23 & Fig. 6, #130) when said registered contents/subscriber data of said first packet distributing table/VLR (Fig. 6, #130) represent that said terminal station has not been authenticated for said LAN/Visited network (Fig. 6, #100), and wherein said second packet distributing portion/ISR (Fig. 6, #130) is configured for referencing the registered contents of said second packet distributing table/ISR (Fig. 6, #130) for the packet received from said first packet distributing portion/VLR (col. 5, lines 12-23 & Fig. 6, #130) and transmitting the packet received from said terminal station to an appropriate server or network-connected device/Home HLR (Fig. 6, #430) corresponding to a destination/address to which the packet is distributed (col. 5, lines 19-23 & lines 35-40).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1, 3, 5 & 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,873,609 to Jones et al. (**Jones**) in view of "Router Plugins: A Software Architecture for Next Generation Routers" by Decasper et al. (**Decasper**). Jones discloses a base station/access operator RADIUS authentication server (col. 3, lines 20-37) including an interface portion for making a communication with a terminal station/PC and extracting authentication request information/new user and a reception packet/new user therefrom (col. 3, lines 20-37), a first authentication managing portion/RADIUS for determining whether or not to authenticate said terminal station for a LAN/managed IP network (Fig. 1, #31) corresponding to said authentication request information received from said interface portion, transferring the packet received from said interface portion to said LAN/managed IP (col. 3, lines 20-37) when said terminal station has been authenticated for said LAN, and transmitting the packet received from said interface portion to said predetermined server or network-connected device/Access Operators registration server (col. 3, lines 20-37) when said terminal station has not been authenticated for said LAN (col. 3, lines 20-37). Jones lacks setting a result of the determination to a first packet distributing table and a first packet distributing portion for referencing registered contents of said first packet distributing table for the packet received from said interface portion and consulting the first packet distributing table for terminal authentication. However, Decasper teaches that high performance is achieved in a network decision device by storing the result of a determination in a cache and consulting the cache for result rather than the re-examining/authenticating (§3, ¶6 & P. 5, ¶2). By doing so, rather than authenticating each of Jones's packets, if the determination that the packet has been authenticated or denied authentication by the registration server, the cache is updated with the resulted and consulted.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to set a result of the determination to a first packet distributing table/cache and to include a first packet distributing portion for referencing registered contents of said first packet distributing table/cache for the packet/new user received from said interface portion and consulting the first packet distributing table/cache for terminal authentication. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to achieve high performance, as taught by Decasper (§3, ¶6 & P. 5, ¶2).

9. Claims 3-4 & 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Cropper**, as applied to claims 1-2 & 5-7 above, in further view of U.S. Patent 6,397,056 to Bugnon et al. (**Bugnon**). Cropper lacks issuing an authentication request to an inner LAN authentication server and setting a response to the authentication request in the packet distribution table. However, Bugnon teaches that in order to reduce fraud in radio telecommunications networks, networks include an authentication center, which is normally co-located with the HLR (col. 1, lines 27-30). Each subscriber has an authentication key, which is used to authenticate the mobile terminal (col. 1, lines 31-45, col. 2, lines 47-64 & Fig. 5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Cropper to issue an authentication request to an inner LAN authentication server and setting a response to the authentication request in the packet distribution table, instead of using plaintext identifiers. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to reduce fraud in radio telecommunications networks, as taught by Bugnon (col. 1, lines 31-45, col. 2, lines 47-64 & Fig. 5).

10. Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Cropper** in view of U.S. Patent 6,606,491 to **Peck**. Cropper discloses a system, as described above, but lacks explicitly registering a refusal in the packet distributing table if the terminal station has not been authenticated. However, Peck teaches that in mobile telecommunications systems, it is known to check a blacklist of mobile numbers when authenticating to deny access not only if the terminal is not authenticated, but also if the terminal is a stolen terminal (col. 1, lines 36-46, lines 50-54, lines 58-65, col. 5, lines 4-7 & col. 8, lines 15-17). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Cropper to explicitly register an authentication refusal/blacklisted mobile terminal in the packet distributing table. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to deny access if the terminal is a stolen terminal, as taught by Peck (col. 1, lines 36-46, lines 50-54, lines 58-65, col. 5, lines 4-7 & col. 8, lines 15-17).

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Simitoski whose telephone number is (571) 272-3841. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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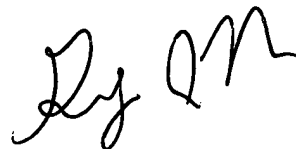
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